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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT NO.	
TOPIC	1. Bautzen-Litten Airfield		25X1A
	2. Husaren Kaserne in Bautzen		
EVALUATION	see below	PLACE OBTAINED	
			25X1A
DATE OF CONTENT			25X1A
DATE OBTAINED		ED	27 January 1954
REFERENCES			
PAGES	2	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)	1 - one sketch on ditto with legend
REMARKS			

SOURCE

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☐ 1. On 23 and 24 November 1953, construction work continued on the connecting road east of Bautzen-Litten airfield to the autobahn. Eight fuel containers, each about 5 x 1.5 meters, were on blocks in the southwestern section of the field, north of entrance A. The area of the fuel containers was surrounded by a barbed wire fence. Three hangars, each about 40 x 16 meters, were erected being done on another hangar of the same size. Construction work also continued on another hangar east of the low wooden building with a tower which housed the flight control station. The airfield was guarded by 3 VP sentries. Truck ☐ was seen moving to the field.¹

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2. No training activity was observed in the Husaren Kaserne. During the daytime, the installation seemed unoccupied, while, at night, all windows were lighted.
3. Some time ago, work had started on the laying of an underground cable, about 5 cm in diameter and 5 cm deep in the ground, about 700 meters east of the town perimeter, toward the intersection of Bautzen-Loebau and Bautzen-Weissenberg roads. On 23 and 24 November, source observed that about 30 KVP men were excavating a cable ditch along the northern edge of the road to Weissenberg which runs south of the airfield. A cable, about 5 cm thick, was being laid there. Work had already advanced as far as kilometer marker 1.2

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- ☐ 4. On 10 December, construction work was being done on a former field barn on Bautzen-Litten airfield; this barn was apparently to be converted to a wooden shed. Construction work on a brick shed was started in line with kilometer marker 4.5. About 60 men were excavating a cable ditch along the road which extends south of the field. The ditch from Bautzen to the field was completed and filled as far as kilometer marked 2.5 up to 29 December.¹
5. On 22 December, a column of about 400 KVP men marched into the Husaren Kaserne. On 24 December, two Soviet Air Force officers were seen on the road to the barracks installation. Source believed that the Husaren Kaserne was still occupied by about 900 VP personnel. ☐ entered and left the installation.

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- ☐ 6. Between 13 and 18 December, Bautzen-Litten airfield was apparently occupied by about 12 single-engine aircraft with long and two-seater cockpits. Some of the aircraft were parked in a hangar. Individual flights of 15 to 25 minutes duration were repeated in good weather. Between 20 December and 6 January, source entered the field four times and observed no activity or aircraft there. The hangars were closed and

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the landing field, since late December, was covered with snow. Two tank trucks with trailers were parked there. Repair and construction work at the field had been continued until 18 December.

7. Between 20 December and 6 January, no training or military activity was observed in the Husaren Kaserne. After 4 January, source observed that personnel returning from furlough arrived at the installation. A new cable was being laid near the transformer house. Ambulance [redacted] and tank trucks [redacted] were observed entering and leaving the barracks installation. 25X1B

- 25X1A1. [redacted] Comment. For layout sketch of Bautzen-Litten airfield, furnished by source 2, see Annex. The presence of three wooden hangars, each about 40 x 16 meters, is now confirmed by several sources. It has not been definitely determined whether additional hangars are under construction. The information of source 1 that the field barn is also to be converted into a hangar appears possible. All of the construction work under way and the laying of a cable from Bautzen to the airfield indicate that this field will not be abandoned by the VPL.

- 25X1A2. [redacted] Comment. The presence of about 12 Yak-18s at Bautzen-Litten airfield has been known since early October 1953. Air activity was probably discontinued because of the snow on the landing field. Bautzen is occupied by 3d Regt of the VPL which recently became a VPL division with the designation Aeroclub. The planned strength of a division, however, will be reached only in the course of the intended expansion of the VPL. The unit concerned is believed to be a cadre unit.

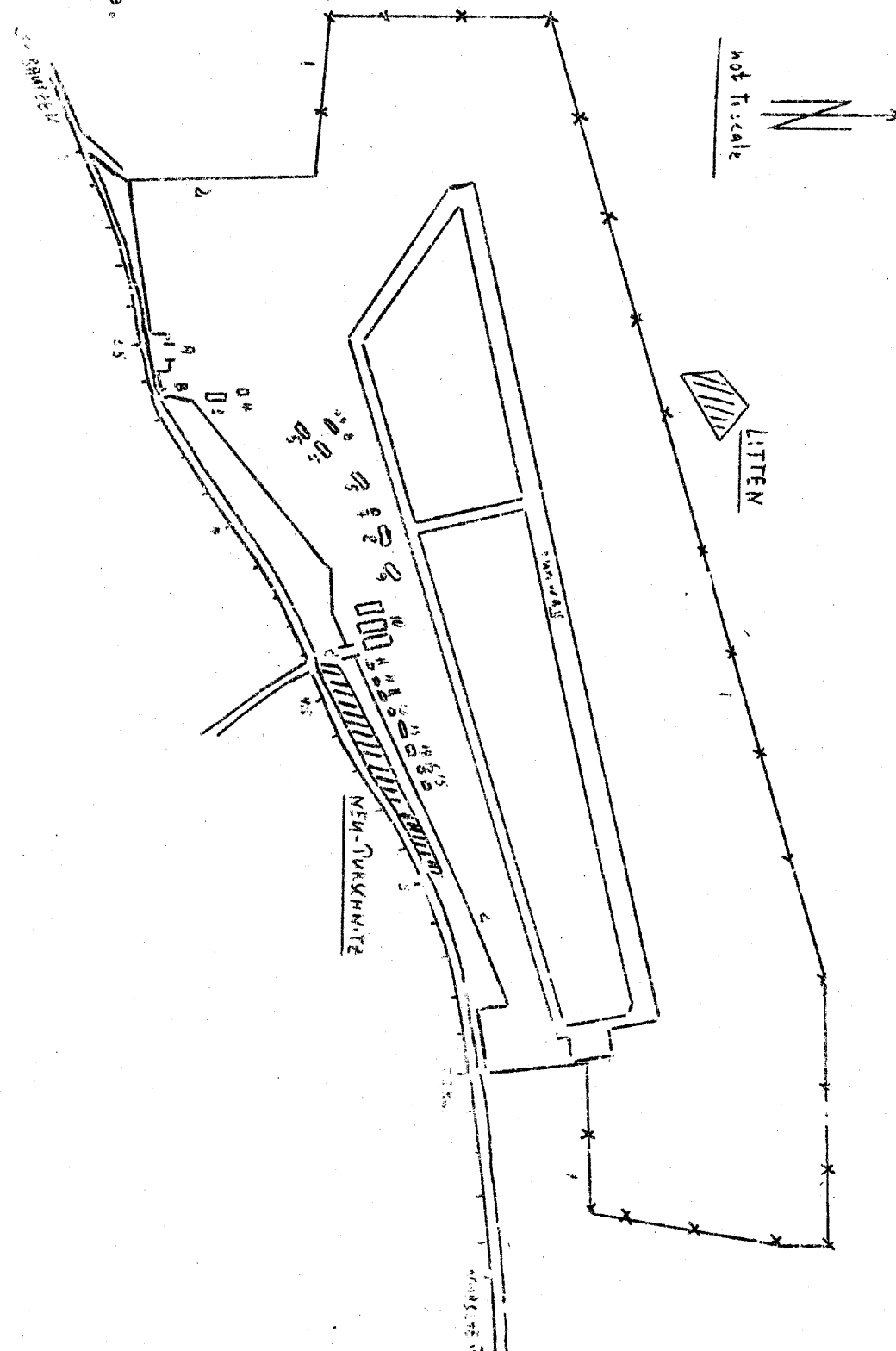
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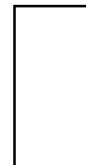
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Bautzen-Litten Airfield

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Bautzen-Litten Airfield.

Legend:

- A, B, and C Entrances to the airfield
- 1 Wire Fence
 - 2 Brick wall
 - 3 Low wooden building
 - 4 Transformer house
 - 5 Three temporary buildings
 - 6 Cement storage shed with 2 concrete mixers in front
 - 7 Brick building
 - 8 Flight control station
 - 9 Former field barn
 - 10 Three new wooden hangars
 - 11 Three temporary buildings
 - 12 Brick building
 - 13 Temporary building
 - 14 Brick building
 - 15 Two sheds

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